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1. Oleg Panin, formerly Soviet consul in East Berlin, returned to Berlin from the Soviet Union about 1 December 1953. He now appears to be permanently stationed there, and is believed to have an assignment as special assistant to Ambassador V. S. Semenov. About [REDACTED] Panin was asked whether he thought the four-power conference would take place as scheduled on 4 January, and replied "Why shouldn't it?"
2. Russian officials in Berlin, not identified by name, are reported to have shown an interest in determining the probable attitude of the United States toward the possibility of holding the meetings of the proposed conference alternately in the ACA building in West Berlin and the Soviet Embassy on Unter den Linden in East Berlin.

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